

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

THE THOMAS RICE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Turn west on Laveille Rd. at Jct. with Broome's Island Rd.

Go 0.5 miles to 1st dirt road (unmarked) turn north down steep hill. Continue 0.5 to 1st tobacco barn, turn west on abandoned road, go to end.

CITY, TOWN

Mutual

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

☐ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Md.**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

Calvert County Courthouse

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince Frederick

Liber #: AAH 23

Folio #: 318

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small unpainted frame house with a hipped roof was the family house of John Thomas Rice and is located on about 220 - 200 yards west of his father's house (Alexander Rice, also surveyed) on a tract of land that he purchased from him in 1930. The facade house faces east in the direction of his father's house. Its front and rear lenghts of three bays are identical. On each width are two windows, one opening into each room. The interior is comprised of 4 rooms placed two by two on either side of a central hallway that extends straight through the house. On the north side of the hallway were the two unconnected bedrooms, the eastern one (front)being the parents'. On the opposite side of the hallway was the "sitting room", and the room opposite the children's room was the kitchen. The upstairs was not used.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
			Black History		
			Social History		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1930

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Cultural History

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built and designed by John Thomas Rice who was raised in his parents' house located nearby. Though almost as small as the earlier houses of black farmers, it is partitioned into 4 rooms. Each serves specialized functions. This design provides more privacy to the residents, in contrast to the design of earlier houses, such as his father's house before it was enlarged. When asked why he chose a hipped roof instead of the more common gable roof, Rice said the he did not know, except that it was simply the type of roof he wanted. Albert Johnson, who was raised with Rice and whose nearby house has been surveyed, explained that Johnson probably preferred the hipped roof because it "wouldn't look so much like a barn, like the other old houses of colored people did". An explanation to which Rice then conferred.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Thomas Rice

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WEST View

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